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Draft report

Addendum

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

Section 26. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

1. At its 39th meeting on 5 June, the Committee considered section 26 of the proposed programme budget for 1992-1993.

Discussion

2. There was general satisfaction with the proposed work programme under section 26 and the manner in which its activities were presented in a well-structured and well-planned manner, reflecting the interests and meeting the priorities of the region. At the same time some delegations were concerned at the reduction in the total resources due to the anticipated decrease in extrabudgetary resource estimates. It was felt that lack of growth in some subprogrammes did not reflect the importance of the activities to be carried out, especially in those related to industry, science and technology (subprogramme 4).

3. A number of delegations stressed the importance of coordination, in particular with the Centre for Science and Technology. Views were also expressed on activities involving women and development, economic integration and cooperation, tourism, and public information. The usefulness and high quality of the publications of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean was recognized. One delegation felt that more information could have been provided under Programme support.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee recommended that:

(a) Activities relating to economic integration and cooperation should be specifically mentioned in the introductory paragraph 26.28 under subprogramme 5, International trade and development finance; and

(b) Activities relating to tourism should be undertaken under subprogramme 13, Subregional activities in the Caribbean.

5. With the above changes, the Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narative of section 26 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.